

CAPInv. 66: Esenchebiake synodos

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Arsinoites (00)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἐσσηχηβιακὴ σύνοδος (I.Fayoum III 204, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Esenchebiake synodos</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	68 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	<i>Esenchebis</i> (epithet of Isis)
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>	
Note	<i>Synodos</i> : I.Fayoum III 204, l. 3	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Fayoum III 204
Note	Other editions: SB I 4211; AGRW 291
Online Resources	I.Fayoum III 204 TM 8170 AGRW ID 2894
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek <i>topos</i> inscription to Isis Esenchebis on behalf of Ptolemy XII Neo Dionysus.

i.c. Physical format(s)

Stele. Above the inscription there is a relief with the goddess Isis and a worshipper.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects

The association owned a τόπος, *topos* which was situated near the temple (of Isis), delimited north by a *peribolos* (built by the *synagogos*), south by the *dromos* of the temple, west by the *komasterion* and east by the temple itself (ll. 4-5).

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership

συναγωγός, *synagogos* (l. 3): the man is called Helenos.

iii. Members

The members of the association are called οἱ ἐκ τῆς Ἑσενχηβιακῆς συνόδου, *hoi ek tes Esenchebiakes synodou* (l. 3).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty

The association owned a *topos* (l. 4). The enclosing wall (περίβολος, *peribolos*, l. 4), built by the *synagogos* Helenos, may have run around some other properties of the association's or it may have been the temple's. If the latter is the case (as is probable), the president of the *Esenchebiake synodos* had a position of importance within the temple itself too.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender

Men

Note

The names are male names.

vi. Proper names and physical features

Ἑλενος συναγωγός

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship

The association dedicated the inscription (and the *topos* most probably) to Isis Esenchebis (l. 2).

Deities worshipped

Isis Esenchebis

iv. Honours/Other activities

The association shows its devotion to the Royal House by setting up the dedication to Isis on behalf of the King (ll. 1-2).

XI. INTERACTION

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| i. Local interaction | The association (and its members) seems to have operated very closely (and not only geographically) with the local temple of Isis. |
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XII. NOTES

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| ii. Poland concordance | Poland B * 474 B |
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XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Certain |
| Note | The terminology used (<i>synodos</i>), the internal organisation, the officials, and the ownership of a <i>topos</i> (which suggests the dealings in which the group was involved) make it certain that we have here a private association. |